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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

On Page 1, lines 4-5:

The invention relates to a vacuum cleaner according to the preamble of claim 1.

On Page 1, before line 7, insert the following:

-- Background of the Invention --

On Page 1, before line 25, insert the following:

-- Summary of the Invention --

On Page 6, before line 9, insert the following:

-- Brief Description of the Drawings --

On Page 6, before line 19, insert the following:

-- Figure 3 is a detailed view of the exemplary embodiment of Figure 1.

Detailed Description of the Exemplary Embodiments of the Present Invention --

On Page 7, before line 30, insert the following:

-- As shown in Figures 1 and 3, the blind 17 can be displaceable or slidable with respect to the lid along a slide track 20 to open and close the opening 15. The retractable blind